SALARIES—	
A. S. Abbott, quarter salary	300 00
John Brown	250 00
William Robinson	350 00
Thomas Winnett, weigh clerk and inspector	206 25
James Stewart, clerk wood market	87 50
David Hughes, inspector	116 67
David Morgan, janitor of fire brigade	75 00
S. Grant and wife, city hospital	116 67
Dr. C. G. Moore	125 00
I. Lawrason, police magistrate	200 00
John Harris, assis't magistrate's clerk	90 00
	$2,017 09

Your committee have examined the following accounts and recommend for payment:

Robert Reid, stationery	87 35
Henry Beaton, police caps	21 20
Edmond Boltz	3 50
B. H. Adolph, clothing	266 00
Thomas Peel	168 00
City Hall expenses	26 98
Board of Health	273 43
Incidental expenses	67 46
Registry Office, coal	9 00
Railway order, Grand Trunk	5 15
Hospital, quarter ending Dec. 31, 1851	79
Dr. C. W. Flock	7 25
	$5,308 31
Decoration committee	76 58
	$5,884 89

2nd. We would recommend no action or petition of Lawrence Powers.

3rd. The communication of S. Boad, asking for a subsidy and freedom from taxation on his establishing a sewing machine factory, and employing eighty hands in the city, would recommend that the clerk communicate with him on the subject.

4th. Your committee would recommend that this council act in unison with county council of Lincoln, relative to conservation of forests.

5th. We would also recommend that the petition to the legislature of Ontario, regarding certain streets in the city of London and other purposes be signed by his Worship the Mayor on behalf of this council and presented to W. R. Meredith, Esq., our city member.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. SMYTH,
Chairman pro tem.

On motion the report was read *seriatim* and adopted.

Ald. Fish read the following report from the fire, water and gas committee:

1st. Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of James Burton, would recommend it be not granted, as the by-law would be violated.

2nd. In the matter of the synopsis on water-works bill being referred back for amendment, your committee would recommend the following: That the city solicitor be instructed to prepare a petition from the council to the legislature for an act authorising the construction of water works for the city of London, through the agency of a commissioner or commissioners, by the council, or in such other manner as the council may by by-law determine.

Moved and seconded that it be received and adopted. Carried.

Ald. Moffat read the following report of the market committee:

London, January 13, 1873.

To the City Council:—

The market committee beg leave to report that they have taken into consideration the petition of Morris Wilson, late lessee of Covent Garden Market, for a reduction of rent.

Your committee recommend that in consideration of the inconvenience the lessee was put to by the extensive improvements in the market grounds and basement of the market building, the benefit from which can only commence from this year, and the loss caused by the disease among horses, preventing for a time farmers from coming to market, that this city chamberlain be authorised to return to Mr. Wilson the sum of two hundred dollars ($200).

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES MOFFAT,
Chairman.

On motion it was received and adopted.

Ald. Cronyn read the following report from the hospital and relief committee:

Your committee report that the accounts for the quarter, amounting to $1,851.79, have been passed, and the tender of Donald Fraser, to supply twenty iron bedsteads at $8.75 each, accepted.

As the matters of importance in connection with the hospital and the relief funds have, during the year, been reported upon, it will only be necessary for your committee to lay before the council the reports and statements of the steward of the hospital attached hereto, and to mention generally the total expenditures for the year.

Hospital expenses, and paid for wood, out-door patients, &c:—

Expense at general hospital, as per statement attached, including wages and wood	$4,041 37
Standing salaries	916 66
Paid for wood for relief purposes	1,482 98
Paid expenses in connection with small-pox hospital and out-door patients	1,113 83

RELIEF FUND.

Statement of ward expenses paid paupers, Jan. 1, 1872, to Jan. 1, 1873:

Ward No. 1	$188 66
" " 2	255 60
" " 3	86 44
" " 4	78 25
" " 5	57 92
" " 6	116 60
" " 7	191 50
	$963 37

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By balance for 1871	$139 30	
By four city grants	800 00	$939 30
To balance		$24 07

Wood issued to poor during the year, 317 cords.

Your committee have made the usual inspection at the hospital, and find the management in every respect most satisfactory, and the arrangements as satisfactory as the present accommodation will allow. But they would recommend that their successors should provide as soon as possible the new hospital for which funds have been granted, and that better accommodation should be arranged for the occupants of the temporary house of refuge. They would suggest that they should see that the trustees of the savings bank fund invest their funds to the best advantage, the interest of which is to be used by the city and county upon terms which have been settled. The new system adopted by your committee for the distribution of the relief fund, they would strongly recommend being continued, having found its working, in every respect, most satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. McDonald submitted the following report of the board of health:

The Board of Health, at the end of the year, beg leave to report that, during the past season, every effort was made by them to have the city kept in a state of cleanliness, and they bear cheerful testimony to the efficiency of the inspector, Mr. Hughes, in furthering their efforts. To a very great degree the general healthfulness of the city may be attributed to its cleanly state. Early in the season there existed good reason to suppose that the small-pox, which had appeared in an epidemic form in neighboring villages, would extend its ravages in this direction; consequently, your board made every effort to stay its progress by strictly enforcing the sanitary regulations of this city. Of the cases of small pox, the total number of which will be given in the physician's report, only twelve proved fatal, and these were distributed in the following wards: Two cases in No. 1 Ward, one case in No. 6 Ward, nine in No. 5 Ward. There is no case of small pox existing in the city at present.

The amount expended by the board has been necessarily large, the amount as charged in the chamberlain's books being $273.43. A similar amount in hospital and relief might properly be charged to the Board of Health. This covers the expense of an ambulance waggon, the substitution of clothing, bedding, &c., in lieu of such articles destroyed, and the employment of scavengers to collect and destroy the offal in the streets of the city.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Cronyn read a petition to the local legislature, praying for assistance to erect a large central hospital in London. It was laid over until next meeting.

Ald. Egan submitted the following report of the clock committee:

Your committee beg leave to report that they have awarded the furnishing the city clock to Wm. Davis, amount being $1,762. The Howard clock, of Boston, has been considered the best submitted, and therefore recommend the adoption of their system.